

NURSE THE BABIES AS GOD INTENDED, ADVICE TO MOTHERS

Experts at Hygiene Congress
Show Only One in Thirty
Breast-Fed Infants Die.

DANGER IN BOTTLES.

Of Children Fed Artificially,
One in Every Five Succumb
in First Year.

BOTTLE-FED BABIES EASY DEATH VICTIMS.

Dr. A. Jacob, President of the American Medical Association, has reported to the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography as having made a recent study of breast feeding for infants as compared with artificial feeding. In the former case the mortality was 7 per cent, while in the latter it was from 15 to 25 per cent, he declared.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—"Mothers should nurse their children as God intended," declared Dr. William H. Davis, Vital Statistician of the Health Department of Boston, before the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography at its session here to-day.

"Of babies reaching the age of two weeks, one in five dies before a year old if bottle-fed," said Dr. Davis, "while if breast-fed, only one in thirty fails to reach the one-year mark. This means that the deaths of these infants would be sixty per cent. less than they are to-day if all babies were breast-fed."

Some countries have already waked up to this astonishing fact, and for example in Norway and Sweden, where mothers do suckle their children, the infant mortality rates are among the lowest in the world."

INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENT ON CHILDREN.

Dr. Charles Gilmore Kerley of New York declared he has seen many hundreds of children adopted or otherwise sent out into the world, and irrespective of their origin they had held their own in whatever environment they were to be placed.

"We may mold a child largely as we will," he said, "and the fashioning and the molding, whether it be done well, indifferently or badly depends more upon the mother and the child's associations than upon the material worked upon."

He offered entire agreement with the person "who," he said, "had declared that if two infants, one born in a palace and one in a hovel, both in fair physical condition, were exchanged on the day of birth, each would work out his destiny along the lines of his environment. The child of the hovel would grow up to the palace and the offspring of the palace would remain on the level of the hovel."

"Character indicates the individual," Dr. Kerley asserted, "and has but little influence on determining character. Character above all things else is the product of environment."

Arguing that the State spends millions of dollars for the segregation of the criminal, drunkards, paupers and degenerates, Dr. Kerley made appeal for the creation of a commission or committee by which the State might have authority over every child.

"It is only by such means that we will ever solve many of the urgent problems before us," he said. "Prophylaxis against crime, degeneracy and general worthlessness are in the hands of the public for the signal betterment of the race."

PROPOSES PLAN FOR WIPING OUT TUBERCULOSIS.

Tuberculosis and means for its control were discussed by Dr. Mary E. Laphan of Highlands, N. C., who outlined a general plan for a campaign which, she said, she believed would overcome the white plague in this country. She declared a campaign for the detection of tuberculosis, comparable in strength and organization to that carried on for the detection of hookworm, would have a most desirable effect.

"If the United States should spend a million dollars this next year for the detection of concealed cases of tuberculosis," Dr. Laphan said, "we should not only make an investment yielding large returns in money saved, but our ability to detect concealed tuberculosis would be more generally diffused throughout the profession. With immunity thus established in case after case, it gradually will be extended to the masses, and tuberculosis will take its place among other extinct pests. Tuberculosis is rooted in the children—we must therefore begin our attack with them, and by producing immunity in them cause tuberculosis to vanish."

TO GIVE FIRELESS FIRE.

Commissioners Arrange It to En-
courage Visiting Fire-Fighters.

Fire Commissioner Johnson announced to-day that he has arranged for an elaborate programme on Fire Prevention Day, Oct. 5, which will include an experimental fireless fire in the big plant of the National Cloak and Suit Company at No. 20 West Twenty-fourth street. Mayor Gaynor and other public officials will attend the fireless fire and there will also be on hand a full delegation from the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Protective Association. The 3,000 employees of the National Cloak and Suit Company will go through the motions of a fire drill after the fireless fire has sounded in the building. Also there will be thrilling rescues from burning windows by the crew of an 8-foot aerial ladder truck.

WHAT IS THE IDEAL HUSBAND? WHAT IS THE IDEAL WIFE . . . ?

Eleventh Article
of a Series

It Is Suggested That Couples Leave Choices of Mates to a Marriage Commission Entirely

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THE IDEAL HUSBAND, DESCRIBED BY T. P. D. (WHO IS A MAN).

He does not smoke.
He does not chew.
He does not swear.
He does not stay out late at night.
He is sociable.
He is lovable.

"If Two Young Persons Were to Blindfold Themselves and Never See Each Other Until After They Were Wedded It Wouldn't Be Any Worse Than It Is at Present," Writes
"A Business Man."

BY NIXOLA GREELEY-SMITH.



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Why seek for ideal husbands or wives? Inquires a masculine reader. Why not have matrimony by commission? No possible arrangement, he suggests, could produce more disastrous results than our present romantic quest of ideal mates. Let all young persons with the purpose of marriage in their hearts send in their names to an official Cupid whose business it will be to investigate and pair them off after the matrimonial commission has passed on them. Then dispassionate judgment instead of flighty caprice will reign and all will be merry as a marriage bell guaranteed to keep in tune till the crack of doom.

But why wouldn't a matrimonial machine, into which one could drop a penny and obtain the address of an eligible bachelor or a marriageable maiden, be even better? All possibilities of graft would be thereby eliminated. The official Cupid could not be corrupted if it were made of iron or steel.

PRESENT WAY THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL ONE.

Seriously, however, I think the American custom of letting young persons arrange their own marriages is the only method which has even a possibility of success. A great deal of nonsense has been printed about the happiness of the European marriage of convenience. A marriage without love must be about as happy and as inspiring as cold soup. Such a marriage is a failure from the start, which is a crime.

Every American marriage is called a love marriage. That's a mistake. Perhaps 5 per cent. are genuine love matches. Love may be a contributing but it is not a determining factor in the others. Women still marry for a home, still marry to escape the wholly fabled approbrium of being "old maids."

In this twentieth century a young woman earning a good salary once remarked to me, "Whether she's in love or not, there's no denying that a woman likes to look a 'Mrs.' before her name."

She could give no reasons in support of her singular theory. It was just so because it was so. And it's so that accounts for more marriages without love. Then there are working girls who simply get tired and marry for the privilege of not having to go downtown every day.

MEN MARRY FOR A BUSINESS REASON.

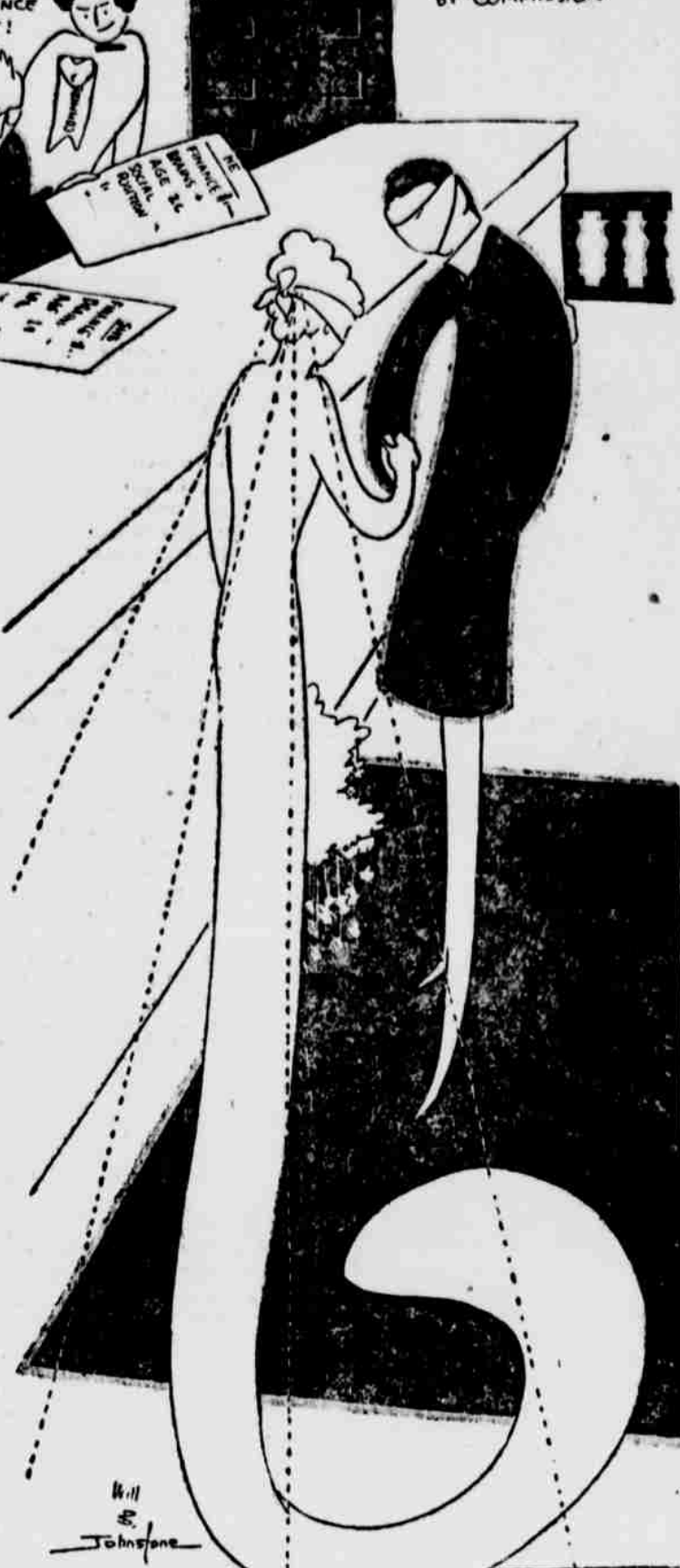
As for the young men, why do so many marry elderly widows with fortunes? Why do so many wed their employers' daughters and get "taken into the firm"? Doubtless in some instances these are genuine love matches. But in all? Who believes it?

A marriage based upon real love is not apt to be a failure. Any way, whatever happens it has been a success. Husband and wife alike may say: "Whatever it is, I have been blessed." But let the advocate of matrimony by commission have his own plan: ADVOCATES GOING IT BLIND IN GETTING MARRIED.

Dear Madam: Why all this talk

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WHEN THEY MARRY
BY COMMISSION



swear, stay out late at night, or drink. He is sociable and lovable. But for the love of Mike he wonders how he is going to get out of the net in which he has been caught. He can't teach her anything she doesn't want to learn. She is married to him, and that is good for her. Their romance ends right there. The girl who is learned in cooking and general housework and who marries any mere man makes an ideal husband of him. If any celibate of the male species can't find his choice in Little Old New York he must be pretty hard to suit. T. P. D.

Every day reveals new friends of the widow as the ideal wife. "Leave young girls, fluffy heads and painted dolls alone," advises a young man of Washington, D. C.

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